region specially China, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Hong Kong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): India's exports to China, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Hong Kong during April-May 2000-01 and April-May 2001-02 are given below:

US$ Million

Countries	April-May 2000-01	April-May 2001-02
China	131.28	134.94
Singapore	117.53	161.79
Malaysia	70.49	95.26
Thailand	68.07	82.89
Hong Kong	423.97	351.17

Complaints received on dumping of Goods

3087. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many industries in our country have availed of the relief from anti-dumping and allied measures under Customs Tariff Act and Rules framed thereunder;

(b) if so, the names of such industries which have so far made complaints against injury caused to them by unfair trade practices like dumping of goods during the last two years;

(c) whether *suo moto* action has also been taken in some cases of dumping of goods in Indian market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Anti-Dumping investigations are initiated on the basis of fully

documented petitions filed by the domestic industries. In the last two years (1999-2000 & 2000-2001) 46 cases were initiated on the basis of complaints filed by the domestic industry on products involving Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Steel and other metals and Consumer Goods.

(c) and (d) *Suo-motu* investigations can be initiated by the Designated Authority when it is satisfied with the information received from the Collector of Customs appointed under the Customs Act, 1962, or from any other source that sufficient evidence exists regarding dumping of the foreign goods, material injury to the domestic industry and casual link between the two. *Suo-moto* action has been initiated in the case of imports of Bisphenol-A from USA on 20.11.95 and Dry Batteries, Sports Shoes & Toys from China on 20.11.2000.

The anti-dumping duty on Bisphenol-A from USA has been withdrawn after Mid Term Review on 30.8.2000. The final findings have been recommended by the Designated Authority on imports of Dry Batteries on 13.7.2001 and definitive duty has been imposed on 2.8.2001. The preliminary findings have been recommended by the Designate Authority on imports of Sports Shoes on 25.1.2001 and provisional duty has been imposed on 9.2.2001. So far as Toys is concerned, investigations were initiated on 20th Nov., 2000, however, the case has been closed for want of sufficient evidence of injury to justify the continuation of investigations.

Introduction of smart card scheme

3088. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, captioned "Postal Service to go plastic soon" which appeared in 'The Asian Age' dated the 10th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme of "Smart Cards" Government intend to introduce; and

(c) in what ways, the new scheme is intended to improve the quality of postal service to the customers?